

JONES, HE DECLINES.

SAYS HE CAN'T PAY THE FREIGHT ON PROHIBITION SCALES.

He Is Tempted Enough, but He Is Bound to Cling to Eliot and Old Democracy.

Political News.

Mr. George B. Jones, who was nominated for Congress on the Prohibition ticket from the Third district at the convention held in this city last week, has declined the honor, through a letter addressed to Mr. G. M. Smith, the chairman of the party for the district.

Mr. Jones says that while he is a temperance man and holds some of the views on temperance lines, he has always affiliated with the Democratic party; that he is a personal friend of Colonel Tazewell Eliot, and does not feel that he could aid the Prohibitionists to the extent that the cause demands, without antagonizing Colonel Eliot, and that he would not do so.

Mr. Jones says, aside from this, he could not take the necessary time to attend to his duties as a member of the party, and he is not prepared to do so.

Notwithstanding the fact that the corps of Prohibition stump speakers in the field is larger than in any previous congressional campaign, and that the demand for speakers is overwhelming and persistent from every part of the State, it is not possible to secure a large number of speakers from every county seat and cross roads in the country. Democratic literature is abundant, and the mail of the State chairman is daily increasing in size.

There are all signs of unusual interest in politics, and show that the people are thinking over the issues and desire enlightenment. The campaign, during the month of October, will be made hot, sharp, and decisive, and a larger number of able speakers will be recommended to the party than in any previous campaign.

Mr. H. P. Frazier has been asked by Chairman Eliot to take the stump for Prohibition, and he will do so just as far as possible. He is an excellent speaker, and has been asked to speak at Boydton on October 15th, at Newmarket on October 16th, and at New Market on October 17th.

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